

State of New Hampshire

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

EMPLOYEES OF THE SUPPORT STAFF, GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Petitioner:

V

GOFFSTOWN EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF:

NEA-New Hampshire

Respondent:

CASE NO. M-0583

DECISION NO. 87-29

DECISION AND ORDER

On February 13, 1987, Employees of the Goffstown Support Staff, S.A.U. 19, Goffstown School District petitioned for a decertification election alleging that at least thirty percent of the employees no longer wished to be represented by the Goffstown Educational Support Staff, NEA-NH for the purpose of collective negotiations.

The exclusive representative, Goffstown Educational Support Staff, NEA-NH filed exceptions to the Petition for Decertification on the basis that although the certification election was held on September 18, 1985, due to litigation meaningful bargaining had not taken place and requested PELRB dismiss the petition, or in the alternative, postpone any decertification election until such time as meaningful bargaining had taken place.

A hearing on a "Stay of Negotiations" pending the outcome of an election was held on March 5, 1987 and PELRB ordered the parties to continue to negotiate, regardless of the pending decertification petition.

On May 4, 1987, Marc Benson, UniServ Director, Region IV, NEA-NH on behalf of the Goffstown Educational Support Staff, NEA-NH, withdrew its "exceptions to the Petition for Decertification" and stated they were prepared for an immediate election and urged PELRB not to delay the election on the basis of the pending unfair labor complaints.

On the basis of the withdrawal of exceptions to the decertification petition, PELRB orders an election held as expeditiously as possible to determine if the employees of the support staff wish to continue representation by the Goffstown Educational Support Staff, NEA-NH.

ROBERT E. CRAIG, Chairman

Signed this 7th day of May, 1987.